

Resources from *Plan Your Professional Development*

Life Hacks for VISTAs

[Individual Development Plan](#) – Use the Individual Development Plan to chart out your professional development throughout your VISTA service year.

[VISTA Member Handbook](#) – Refer to the Member Handbook for info on VISTA policies and guidelines.

[Managing Up: Navigating the VISTA-Supervisor Relationship](#) (on-demand webinar) – Get strategies and tips for ensuring a productive relationship with your VISTA supervisor.

[VISTA Impact Reporting Tool](#) – Install this on your mobile device (or bookmark it on your computer) to track your activities as a VISTA member.



Community Outreach

VISTA Campus Resources

[What is Capacity Building?](#) - Learn how VISTA defines "capacity building" to ensure that you are carrying out your assignment effectively.

[Not Always What You Think](#) - Explore how assumptions affect how we perceive people and situations, especially when entering unfamiliar environments and communities.

[The Five Cs: Strategic Factors for Building Community and Sustaining the Initiative](#) - Explore five strategic factors in building community - Community, Connections, Control, Cash and Collective.

[Strengthening Your Organization, Your Community, and Your Projects](#) - Build your program's sustainability by deepening your ties to the surrounding community.

On-Demand webinars

[Writing Powerful Impact Statements](#)

[Planning a Social Media Campaign for your Project](#)

[Building a Professional Network for Service and Career](#)



Forum Discussion

[Getting Information to Program Clients](#)

VISTA Leader Action Learning Product

[Gaining Community Buy-In for your VISTA Project](#)

Other Resources

[University of Kansas Community Tool Box](#) – Use this extensive set of tools covering community assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, and other aspects of community practice.

[Young Nonprofit Professionals Network](#) – Find a chapter near you.

[Nonprofits Integrating Community Engagement \(NICE\) Guide](#) – by the Building Movement Project

[Encouraging Diverse Community Involvement](#) - Alison

[Integrated Marketing Communications](#) - Coursera

Volunteer Mobilization

VISTA Campus Resources

VISTA Campus Sections on Volunteer Management: [Planning](#),
[Recruiting](#), [Managing](#)

[Volunteer Mobilization online course](#)



VISTA Webinars

[High Impact Volunteer Recruitment](#)

[Building Sustainability into a Volunteer Program](#)

[Creating Group Volunteer Opportunities that Engage and Inspire](#)

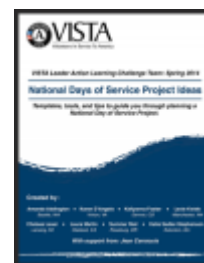
VISTA Forums

[Volunteer Recordkeeping](#)

[How to get sustainable volunteers](#)

VISTA Leader Action Learning Product

[National Days of Service Project Ideas](#)



Professional Networks

[Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement](#)

[Directory of Professional Associations for volunteer management](#)

[Online Communities in Volunteer Management](#)



Online courses and resources

[Energize, Inc.](#) – Extensive library of articles, bookstore, blogs, and directories relating to volunteer management.

[Volunteer Match](#) - Free volunteer management webinars, books, resources, and a volunteer management blog.

[Points of Light](#) - Annual conference, recognition programs (Daily Point of Light Award and the President's Volunteer Service Award), and the volunteer recruitment site All for Good.

[Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration](#) – Offers the professional credential for volunteer managers and publishes Professional Ethics for the profession.

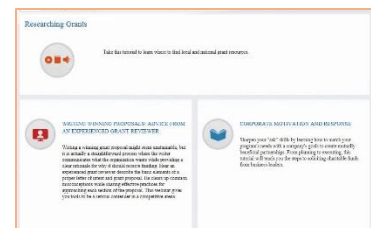
[Everyone Ready](#) - an online volunteer management skill-building program by leading experts in volunteer management from around the world.

Resource Development

Campus Resources

VISTA Campus Sections on Resource Development: [Raising Funds from Individuals, Grant Writing, Planning Events](#)

[Resource Development online course](#)



VISTA Webinars

[Creating an Online Fundraising Strategy](#)

[Writing Winning Proposals: Advice from an Experienced Grant Reviewer](#)

[Finding Funding Opportunities](#)


VISTA Forums

[Fundraising ideas](#)

[Donor tracking software](#)

[Salesforce Training?](#)

[Grant Quest](#)

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Professional Networks

[Association for Fund Raising Professionals](#)

[American Grant Writers Association](#)

Online courses and resources

[Foundation Center](#) – Searchable database of funders and information on seeking funding.

[Grantsmanship Center](#) - Training and information on funders

[Grant Space](#) - Free resources and webinars on how to apply for a grant

Additional Sources

[U.S. Census Bureau](#) – Free webinars on how to find and use census data, such as poverty rates, education, income, employment, and other demographic info.



Local resources:

Public libraries

Chambers of commerce

United Ways

Volunteer centers

More Free Online Learning Sites

[Nonprofit Ready](#) - free online courses ranging from project management to nonprofit accounting.



[Alliance for Nonprofit Management](#) - free and inexpensive articles and reports related to nonprofit work.

[Free Management Library](#) – extensive collection of free readings, articles, and resources on a wide range of topics.



Connect with VISTA

Social Media

<https://www.facebook.com/AmeriCorpsVISTA/>

<https://twitter.com/AmeriCorpsVISTA/>

<https://www.instagram.com/nationalservice/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company-beta/2973588/>



In the Community

[Official VISTA program logos and guidelines](#) – to add to your email signature and business card

[VISTA member business card templates](#) – to customize and print

[“VISTA Serving Here”](#) - Free poster to decorate your office

[National Service Gear store](#) - to order more VISTA gear



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